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IT is this day Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That *Michael Biddulph, Michael Noble, Richard Pyot, Richard Swynfen, Zachary Babington*, Esquires; *Henry Mot, Thomas Saxon, Richard Drafgate, Thomas Minors, Thomas Caterbanck, William Hamersley* of the City of *Lichfield*, Gent. do presently Seize and Sequester into their hands the Houses, Rents, Revenues, Books, Deeds, Evidences, and all Writings and Records belonging to the Dean, Dean and Chapter, Canons, Prebendaries, Vicars Choral, Officers

or Miniſters belonging to the Cathedral Church of *Lichfield*; As likewiſe all Moneys, Goods and materials bought or given, and brought in to any place or perſon, for repairing or furniſhing of the ſaid Church, or otherwiſe appertaining thereunto, in whoſe hands ſoever the ſame remaineth; together with all Arrerages of Rents, Penſions, and Moneys due, and not yet paid: And that out of the ſaid Revenues, Rents, Penſions and other Payments, and the Arrears thereof, they pay unto two ſuch able and godly Miniſters, appointed by the Committee of Plundred Miniſters, and approved by the Aſſembly of Divines, for their preſent maintenance and encouragement, in Preaching the Word, and diſpencing the Sacraments and Ordinances in the ſeveral Congregations and Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lichfield*, the ſum of Three hundred pounds *per Annum*; (*viz.*) to either of the ſaid two Miniſters, the ſum of One hundred and fifty pounds *per Annum*, and to be paid at the end of every quarter of the year, The firſt payment to begin the Five and twentieth day of *March* 1648. and to continue during their natural lives: And alſo that they do ſet out and deliver unto the ſaid Miniſters ſo approved, two good and convenient dwelling-houſes, belonging to the ſaid Dean, Dean and Chapter, Prebendaries and other Officers of the ſaid Cathedral, now Sequeſtred, or to be Sequeſtred by reaſon of the Delinquency of the owners thereof (to wit) to either of the ſaid Miniſters one houſe for his dwelling, well repaired and fitted for his uſe, with Backſides, Gardens, and other their Appurtenances. And for the better execution of this Order, they the ſaid *Michael Biddulph, Michael Noble, Richard Pyot, Richard Swynfen, Zachary Babington, Henry Mot, Thomas Saxon, Richard Drafgate, Thomas Minors, Thomas Caterbanck, William Hamerſley*, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized to conſtitute and appoint ſuch Aſſiſtants, Deputies, Receivers, and other Officers, as they ſhall finde requiſite in the premiſes; and to ſend for and examine all

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ſuch perſons as are concerned in the premiſes, as Parties or Witneſſes; and to call all Leaſors, Leaſees, Tenants and under-Tenants of any of the Houſes, Lands, Tythes, or other Profits whatſoever to the ſaid Dean, Dean and Chapter, and other Prebendaries, Vicars Choral, and Officers, belonging, to ſhew their ſeveral Counterpains of Leaſes, Leaſes or Deeds, and make it appear how they hold the ſame; And of all ſuch Writings, Leaſes, and other Deeds and Inſtruments ſo ſhewed, they are authorized to demand copies, and to cauſe them to be fairly ingroſſed in a large Book for that purpoſe; the ſaid Tenants and other perſons ſo ſhewing their ſaid Leaſes, Deeds or Inſtruments, not being compelled to pay above the ſum of Two ſhillings and ſix pence for the Tranſcribing and Recording of every ſuch Leaſe or Writing: And for the reſt of the neceſſary charges in and about the premiſes, they ſhall be allowed out of the ſaid Sequeſtred Eſtates. And to the end the ſaid City of *Lichfield*, and ſeveral Pariſhes and Congregations therein may be the more effectually provided of able Miniſters, and the ſaid Annual ſum of Three hundred pounds the more certainly paid as aforeſaid, Be it further Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament, and by Authority of the ſame, That all and every Farmer, Tenant, Leaſee, and every other perſon and perſons within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, who do or ſhall owe, or ought to pay any Rents, Iſſues, Fines, Herriots, Profits, ſum or ſums of Money, or ought elſe reſerved upon any Leaſe, Covenant or Agreement to the ſaid Dean, Dean and Chapter, or other Prebendaries, Officers or Miniſters of the ſaid Cathedral Church in right thereof (except for the two houſes and premiſes granted to the Miniſters as aforeſaid) ſhall from time to time pay the ſame, and all Arrerages thereof, unto the ſaid *Michael Biddulph*, *Michael Noble*, *Richard Pyot*, *Richard Swynfen*, *Zachary Babington*, *Henry Mot*, *Thomas Saxon*, *Richard Drafgate*, *Thomas Minors*, *Thomas Caterbanck*, *William Hamerſley*,

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or to their Aſſiſtants, or other perſon or perſons by them or any four of them authorized to receeive the ſame, as it ſhall grow due, and to no other perſon or perſons whatſoever, in ſuch maner and form, and at ſuch time and place, as the ſaid Dean, Dean and Chapter, Prebendaries, Vicars Choral, and other Officers, or any one by them thereto authorized, hath formerly accuſtomed (or ought) to receive the ſame; And that the Acquittance of ſuch Receiver or Receivers thereof, under his or their Hand, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to every perſon ſo paying the ſame, againſt all other perſons whatſoever, Any Order, Covenant, Grant, Proviſo, or other thing whatſoever, heretofore Ordered, made, done, or pretended to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that the ſaid *Michael Biddulph, Michael Noble, Richard Pyot, Richard Swynfen, Zachary Babington, Henry Mot, Thomas Saxon, Richard Drafgate, Thomas Minors, Thomas Caterbanck, William Hamerſley*, and their Aſſiſtants, or the major part of them, ſhall hereby have and uſe the ſame and the like Power, Authority and Aſſiſtance, for and in the diſcovery, ſeizing and getting into their hands all and every the premiſes (except before excepted) as they are and ſhall become due, and all Arrerages thereof, as is granted by any Ordinance of Parliament of explanation thereof, to any other Sequeſtrators, or Committee for Sequeſtrations of the Eſtates of Papiſts, or other Delinquents, as if the ſaid *Michael Biddulph, Michael Noble, Richard Pyot, Richard Swynfen, Zachary Babington, Henry Mot, Thomas Saxon, Richard Drafgate, Thomas Minors, Thomas Caterbanck, William Hamerſley*, and their Aſſiſtants and Receivers had been particularly named in ſuch Ordinance or Explanation: And that out of the ſaid Rents, Iſſues, Revenues and Profits, the Receiver or Treaſurer thereof for the time being, ſhall pay unto the ſaid two Miniſters (ſo to be approved as aforeſaid) the Annual or yearly ſum of Three hundred pounds quarterly as aforeſaid, without further or other

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Warrant from any other perſon or perſons whatſoever, before the ſaid Receiver or Treaſurer iſſue or pay out any other ſum or ſums of Moneys out of the premiſed Rents or Revenues, to any other perſon or perſons, for any other uſe, matter, cauſe or thing, or upon any other Order whatſoever. And after the ſaid Three hundred pounds ſo ſatisfied and paid, ſhall ſatisfie, diſcharge and pay all ſuch other ſum and ſums of Money already given, granted, or otherwiſe due out of the ſame Rents, Iſſues, Revenues and Profits, or any part thereof, as the ſame, and every of them ſhall become due and payable, and no otherwiſe. And foraſmuch as much of the ſaid Revenues and Profits are due and payable out of ſeveral Counties within the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, and from ſeveral perſons in ſundry ſmall ſums, which are likely to be loſt (if a ſtrict courſe therein be not taken) All Judges of Aſſize, Juſtices of Peace, Committees and Commiſſioners of Parliament in their ſeveral Counties, and other Officers and perſons within their ſeveral Precincts, are hereby required to be ayding and aſſiſting unto the ſaid *Michael Biddulph, Michael Noble, Richard Pyot, Richard Swynfen, Zachary Babington, Henry Mot, Thomas Saxon, Richard Drafgate, Thomas Minors, Thomas Caterbanck, William Hamerſley*, and their Aſſiſtants, and Receiver or Treaſurer, and to every of them, in the collecting and receiving thereof: And all and every perſon and perſons, that ſhall do any thing in obedience and purſuance of this preſent Ordinance, ſhall therein be eſteemed to do an acceptable ſervice to the Kingdom, and have the protection of both Houſes of Parliament for their Indempnity. And if the ſaid Sequeſtred Eſtates and Revenues, or any part thereof, ſhall hereafter be put into any other hands, then now they be put by this Ordinance, or otherwiſe aliened, ſold or diſpoſed of, It is yet further Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That good and ſufficient proviſion ſhall be made in the paſſing and diſpoſal thereof, whereby the ſaid two Miniſters

ſters ſhall and may, during their lives, well and truly, by quarterly payments, receive the ſaid yearly Allowance of Three hundred pounds out of the ſaid Sequeſtred Eſtates and Revenues, and enjoy the houſes aboveſaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this preſent Ordinance, Any Order, Act or Ordinance made or to be made to the contrary hereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Provided, That nothing in this Ordinance ſhall extend to the levying of any Arrears due out of the Eſtates of *John* Earl of *Rutland*, or Sir *Edward Leech*, two of the Tenants aforeſaid, in regard of their ſufferings in their Eſtates by the Enemy during theſe Wars, nor to any other of the ſaid Tenants, that ſhall make it appear to the Truſtees aforementioned, That their Arrears have been forced from them by the power of the Enemy.

Ioh. Brown, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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